

Hear, Land o' Cakes and brither Roob... Frae Maidenkir to Johnny Groat...

JULY 16, 1897.

Local Events.

An eclipse of the sun, visible in North America, takes place July 29.

HON JOHN T. MCGRAW, of Gratton, was one of the orators at the recent Tammany celebration.

The singing on Laurel Run was largely attended last Sunday. It was conducted by Profs. Waugh and Carter.

An action at law for four million dollars has just closed out in San Francisco. The claimant gets one third of the estate and his counsel the rest.

Those who chew tobacco want the best. Henry County, Virginia, tobacco is the best in the world when made by Penn & Watson.

SUNDAY, July 4, was made a sad day in the north of France by floods caused by excessive rain. Three hundred lives were lost...

A dog, incased in bullet proof cloth, was shot at with a .44 cal. revolver, at a distance of ten feet...

PROPOSITIONS are being made to erect a monument to the last victims of Indians in Nicholas County. With our County our endeavor, headed by the survivors...

TUESDAY morning it was discovered that the school-house at the cross roads between Dunmore and Green Bank had been burned in the night.

The convenient fishing camp, at the Forks of Cranberry, erected by Charleston and Marlinton gentlemen, and which afforded shelter to fishers visiting those waters...

A RUNNING STREAM is a safe place to drink because there can be no stagnation there. A safe place to buy goods is where goods are constantly being sold...

Among the many cows, belonging to the citizens, grazing on the beautiful commons of Marlinton, is one belonging to Dr. Cunningham...

THE Pocahontas Marble Company met and organized last Monday. This corporation is capitalized at \$500,000, and own and control the marble for eight miles.

A LAW-SUIT was instituted by J. D. Pullin & Co. against Paul Golden for \$137, before Justice Uriah Bird. Thus we saw a merchant suing a merchant before a merchant.

Personal Mention.

Col. Sellers L. Reger, of Elkins, was in town Monday.

Fred Wallace, of Lewisburg, attended county court.

Rev. J. C. Thrasher, of Steven's City, is visiting his father-in-law, Captain William L. McNeel.

Miss Lucy Kincaid is making a prolonged stay at Frankford, her former home.

Miss Orta Campbell, of Covington, is visiting her friends in Huntersville and on Douthard's Creek.

There will be preaching at the upper church on Swago, 3d Sunday, July 18 at 3 P. M. by Rev. W. T. Price.

Mrs J. H. Landes and Mrs Geo. Taylor, of near Edray, were in Marlinton Wednesday and visited the Times office.

Mrs W. A. Bratton returned to Marshall, Virginia, with her sister Miss Birdie Cologne and brother Edward Cologne.

Mrs Agnes Loury has returned from her visit to Union and Frankford, much benefited by the change of scene and the exercise of traveling by easy stages.

Marvin Carter is operating a binder in the Edray neighborhood. Most of the wheat in that vicinity promises a better yield than for several years.

Mrs J. B. Lockridge, of Driscoll, is visiting Miss Emma Warwick at the home place near Edray. Maggie and Grace Moore, of Dunmore, are with their aunt at the same place.

James Berry, a well known and skillful woodsman, and his wife are at Mrs Carter's near Huntersville. Mr Berry has recently recovered from a long and tedious attack of sickness.

H. W. McNeel, of Mill Point, graduates in medicine from the University of Virginia, is attending a meeting of the State Medical Board in Charleston this week. He expects to practice his profession at Mill Point for the present.

T. S. McNeel, a recent law graduate of the University of Virginia, obtained the necessary certificate to apply for examination before the State Board, which meets at Morgantown on the first Wednesday in August.

FROM the Randolph Enterprise: Mrs Clay Crouch, of Elkwater, died, July 5, of cancer, aged forty years.—The assessed value of the personal property of Randolph County is \$65,505.00 less for 1897 than 1896.—Two of L. Tuke's horses won purses at the Beverly races on July 3.

Mrs Jane Simmons, relict of the late John Simmons, is living with her son Robert at the Warwick Spring. She is totally blind, but bears her affliction with remarkable cheerfulness. Her memory of persons and local events is very retentive, and it is interesting to hear her tell of the former days and the personal history of the pioneers. She is a grand-daughter of the old Revolutionary veteran Timothy McCarty, one of the earliest settlers in the Hills, and we hope to tell our worthy readers something interesting about him and his descendants in the course of time.

As to Mail-route Contractors.

THE mail route between Mingo and Marlinton is going begging at \$600 per year. The work involves the carrying of the mail six round trips per week, of 54 miles each, across Elk, Middle, and Valley mountains, over the worst natural road in the State. It is a road that is both rocky and muddy. In the winter the snow-drifts on the Old Field Fork of Elk are wonders of the world, and the winter winds chill the mail carrier to the bone. Two streams are to be crossed that often get just high enough to be dangerous, but not keep the mail back. We hope no one will bid it in too low, as we like to see a good service well paid for; and do not believe in foreign contractors setting a price and deluding some simple minded citizen into carrying out his contract for less than living wages.

We have understood that the manner of proceeding by the foreign contractor is to take a large number of routes for a specified sum. The department then adds together the lowest bids for each of the routes and if the lump bid is less than the sum total of separate bids the contract is awarded it. The jobbers then sublet the routes for the least money possible, and generally they realize a very handsome profit. But does the bloated contractor, when he retires to his kitchen at night, think of the many miserable horses on his various star routes that night having had insufficient suppers? Does he see the sore backs and galled shoulders, or the brutal mail-boys with their exaggerated spurs.

This method of contracting has been carried on so long that the private citizen no longer thinks of putting a bid, and leaves the mail-jobbers to fight it out amongst themselves.

MART McDOWELL is now well prepared to give you a hair cut and shave.

County Court.

County Court met Tuesday with a full board. Claims were presented, and a greater or less number of them allowed.

The case of Chet Rogers and his wife concerning the custody of their children (which had been referred to the County Court from the Circuit Court) was heard, and the mother allowed to retain the care of the children.

The question of tollable roads was broached. The toll-contractors were bold in asserting that the legislature could not make a law impairing the obligation of a contract existing between themselves and the county court, but as the toll-payers were more or less affected by the law and were not parties to said contract, the obligation referred to would hardly obligate them. Some disposition will be made by the court of the matter.

The county is to be congratulated, and the doctors and road overseers pitied, on having such an economical court. The court strains at every five cents it spends, and the result is our thinly settled county is enabled to carry on some rule cheaper than most of the less populous counties.

Notice.

The School Book Board of Pocahontas County will meet at the court-house in the town of Marlinton, on Thursday, July 22, 1897, at 10 A. M. The object of this meeting is to adopt one text-book, or series, on each subject required to be taught in the free schools and not provided for by contract under the acts of 1895.

D. L. BARLOW, County Superintendent.

Dentistry.

I will be at Marlinton from 15th to 22d of June; Academy, 23d to 28th; Huntersville, 29th of June to 4th of July; Frost, 5th to 9th; Dunmore, 10th to 16th; Green Bank, 16th to 22d; and Travelers' Rest, 22d to 26th.

O. J. CAMPBELL, Dentist.

Ancient Etruscan Joke; 1000 B. C.—But Good.

Editors, as a rule, are kind hearted and liberal. An exchange tells of a certain subscriber to a certain paper who died and left fourteen years' subscription unpaid. The editor appeared at the grave as the lid was being lowered down for the last time, and put in a linen duster, a palm leaf fan and a receipt for making ice.—Democrat, Defiance, Ohio.

Green Bank.

Wet weather, and wheat cutting is in order. There will be weddings on the mountains. They did finely while out.

R. W. Hill has a fine lot of cattle on the Harper levels.

Little Levels.

Edgar Sydenstricker, of China, who attended school at Fredericksburg, Va., last session, is the guest of J. C. Stulling and family.

Rev. Thurasher, of Virginia is here to see his father-in-law, Capt. W. L. McNeel. He preached at the M. E. church Sunday evening.

Fred Wallace is at home from Lewisburg to see his father who has been sick for some days.

Winters McNeel is off to Charleston to stand his examination. We will have a new doctor soon.

Prof. J. L. Sydenstricker is spending his vacation at home. He will return to Athens, W. Va., at the opening of the Concord Normal School. He will hold his position at that school for another year.

E. I. Holt and R. K. Burns made a flying trip to Lewisburg last week but Jake Beard made the quicker trip as he went for binder twine.

Mr Woods Luddi, gen. of Ronceverte, spent Sunday with C. W. Beard and family.

Mrs Mattie Beard and Mrs Nancy Callison died in this neighborhood last week. They were two most excellent ladies and had reached ripe old ages. They leave a host of relatives and friends to mourn their death.

Dunmore.

We have at this time some geographical surveyors in town.

H. M. Lockridge was in town this week.

Dr Cunningham and family passed here returning from Highland.

C. M. Achord, the watch fixer, is in town.

Miss Elva Jones, of Doe Hill, is visiting here.

Worth Nottingham started for Texas Wednesday for his health. Adam Geiger was out in the State of Webster to buy calves.

A child of George Hoover, seven months old, was found dead in bed Sunday morning.

Mrs W. C. Mann is visiting her sister and daughter at this place.

Page Gay was in town Monday. George O. Cooper is in from Addison.

Dilley's Mill.

Wheat fine, oats short—the better than expected. Corn short but of a good color and hardy. There should be plenty of corn in the county.

A. L. Dilley is painting buggies at Mr Washington Moore's.

The festival on Knapp's Creek was very successful, and a neat sum was raised for the benefit of Revs Price and Parrott. The ladies who had the matter in hand deserve much praise.

Miss Lena Kinnison is visiting in this part.

The cherry crop is rather light. George Rider, of Highland, was in this part looking after stock; also Adam Geiger, and many others. Dr Lockridge seems to be ahead in price of calves here.

Upton and Cliff Sharp have gone to Williams River.

There seems to be much "complaining" among the people, and bad colds are very prevalent.

The song of the locust is no longer heard in the land as a few weeks ago. There were not many here.

Rev Parrott will preach at Beth-el next Sunday.

Professor James Reed will sing at Mt Zion the 25th. Come and bring your books.

Lobelia.

Warm and raining every day. Wheat cutting about over. A good crop in this part of the county; corn fine, and oats also. Fruit crops not very good. Plenty of berries of all kinds. There will be about 4,000 bushels in the falling timber of New Mountain.

Eliza McMillion, who got badly cut some time ago, is able to be out.

We understand that the Game Warden is in this part of the state, so be careful how you display your jerk or you may get some other kind of meat to eat.

W. B. Hill returned from Nicholas County Tuesday, and reports high water and destruction generally. Cattle are bringing big prices out there. W. B. Hill expects to have something of much interest to report from that county soon. He was reliably informed by a friend of the whereabouts of a gold mine, and while prospecting for coal will look after the other minerals of this or adjoining counties. He will start for Camden on Ganley Monday on special business.

L. C. McMillion had the best wheat your correspondent ever saw on Hill's Creek.

Mat Woods took in his cattle from the mountains. They did finely while out.

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More anon. OBSERVER.

CHURCH NOTES.

Sacramental Service.

The sacramental services at the Huntersville Church last Sabbath were attended by a very interesting congregation. The people had assembled expecting to hear an esteemed visiting minister, who was providentially hindered from being present, yet they gladdened and cheered the heart of their old pastor by giving him close and patient attention.

The texts used in the services of the day were: "Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things that are written therein; for the time is at hand."—Revelation I. 3.

"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commends his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."—Romans v. 7-9.

The attention was all that could be desired, and very interesting accessions were made to the membership.

Festival Benefit.

The undersigned hereby most gratefully tenders his thanks to the promoters and patrons of the Sunset festival of July 7, for the liberal and much-needed donation sent him by their agents, Mrs L. W. Herold and Mrs J. B. Lockridge. Very seldom, if ever, in ministry of forty years has a gift of this kind been more timely and useful. What Paul said to his Colossian friends he would say to you: "Notwithstanding, ye have well done that ye did communicate with my affliction. \* \* \* But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." See Colossians iv. 9-20, as expressive of the feelings of your friend. May God bless you, every one, for what you have been and are to me.

WILLIAM T. PRICE.

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DON'T MURDER YOUR BEES!

It is a very poor return for the work of a hive of bees to kill them to get one season's crop of honey.

Use the Ware Hive.

Get acquainted with your bees. Help them to fight the worm that destroys them, and they will reward you with the best of honey in marketable frames,—and you can eat your honey and have a clear conscience.

T. C. Ware, Valley Head, W. Va.

Dry Branch.

Farmers are getting ready to harvest their wheat.

The Dry Branch picnic was largely attended and passed off like a charm. The next one will probably be on the Douglas place.

There was a big rain storm on the Branch Monday.

Camaron Beal made a flying trip to Addison.

J. E. Carpenter, of Dunmore, was on the Branch Saturday and Sunday.

Joseph Miller and Branch Beal are hauling cherry lumber to Beverly.

Constable Page Gay took in the Branch picnic. CUT SHORT.

July 18, 1896, our store, four dwelling houses and three barns were washed away by a flood. Soon after the community was visited by an epidemic of bloody flux. In a short time we sold ten dozen of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and in every case where it was used the results were all that could be desired; in fact our physicians admitted that it would do more toward bringing about a cure of flux than they could do.—BUSH & KNISLEY, AUBURN, W. Va., Oct. 8, 1896. For sale by Rickett's & Co., Marlinton; Amos Barlow, Huntersville; Barlow & Moore, Edray; and E. H. Moore & Co., Academy.

ACADEMY, W. VA., June 9, '97.—Notice is hereby given that the firm of E. H. Moore & Co. has been this day dissolved by mutual consent, and its obligations are assumed by the undersigned. All parties owing said firm are requested and expected to make immediate settlement.

Yours respectfully, TAYLOR & MCELWEE, Successors to E. H. Moore & Co.

Notice—Estray.

Strayed away from my place, on or about the 14th day of May last one 2-year-old brown mare, traded from William B. Freeman. The mare is said to have been raised by some one of the Molenaxes, in Crabbottom or Dry Fork of Cheat. Any information leading to recovery of said mare will be greatly appreciated.

P. H. WARWICK. GREEN BANK, W. VA., June 30.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be manly, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklets sent sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Depression of Spirits

so common in summer-time, accompanied by loss of energy, lack of thought-power, means a deficient supply of nourishment. The vital force is lost. It isn't a question of muscle and sinew, but of resistance and endurance. At any age, but especially in youth, it involves the risk of lung disease. Loss of flesh and a cough are threatening signs.

Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-liver Oil, with the hypophosphites, meets these cases perfectly. It tones up, fattens and strengthens. In Scott's Emulsion the taste of the oil is fully disguised, making it almost as palatable as milk.

IT TICKLES YOU THE INSTANT RELIEF YOU GET FROM LIGHTNING HOT DROPS. CURES Colds, Croup, Diarrhoea, Flux, Cholera Morbus, Nausea, Changes of Water, etc. HEALS Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Scratches, Itches of Animals, Scorpions, Bites, etc. BREAKS UP Bad Colds, La Grippe, Influenza, Croup, Sore Throat, etc. SMELLS GOOD, TASTES GOOD. SOLD EVERYWHERE AT 25c AND 50c PER BOTTLE. NO RELIEF, NO PAY. HERB MEDICINE CO. (Formerly of Watson, W. Va.) SPRINGFIELD, O.

To the Public: In order to close out our present stock of goods, we will offer for sale from this date to September 1st, 1897, all the goods which we have in hand at this time at from 5 to 10 per cent discount FOR CASH. We will give a few prices for Cash: DRESS GINGHAMS, 6 to 7cts. BEST PERCALES, 8cts. DOMES GINGHAMS, 5cts. BLEACHED COTTONS, 7 to 8 1/2cts. ARBUCKLE COFFEE, 15cts. GREEN COFFEE, 12 1/2 to 20cts. BEST CALICOES, 6cts. ALL OTHER GOODS IN PROPORTION. TAYLOR & MCELWEE, Successors to E. H. Moore & Co. ACADEMY, W. VA.

RETURN THANKS! CUSTOMERS, I do thank you for your liberal patronage—but you all soon learn where you can buy goods the cheapest. YOU KNOW I can sell the best and cheapest goods, for I do not have to make allowance for bad debts, nor pay out for book keeping. I SELL for cash and good produce—no credit. In this way I can keep up my stock at cash prices. I can give you bargains in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boy's Clothes, Hats,—and, in fact, everything in my store is sold at a bargain. Examine my stock before you buy elsewhere. It is being constantly renewed. Yours Respectfully, S. J. BOGGS HUNTERSVILLE, W. VA.

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